Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A door module kit for transportation to the location of assembly of a vehicle door comprising:

a non-structural substrate carrier;

a door trim panel configured to be coupled to the non-structural substrate carrier;

a door trim interface member integrally molded with the <u>non-structural substrate</u> carrier as a single unitary article;

a carrier interface member extending from the door trim panel;

wherein the door trim panel is releasably coupled to the <u>non-structural substrate</u> carrier during transportation to the location of assembly of the vehicle door by releasable engagement of the door trim interface member and the <u>non-structural</u> substrate carrier interface member.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The door module kit of Claim 1 wherein the door trim interface member is a retainer that defines a space for at least partially receiving the carrier interface member.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The door module kit of Claim 2 wherein the retainer is a "U"-shaped loop.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The door module kit of Claim 1 wherein the carrier interface member is a projection that extends from the door trim panel and engages the door trim interface member.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The door module kit of Claim 4 wherein the carrier interface member is a hook extending from the door trim panel.

- 6. (Previously Presented) The door module kit of Claim 1 wherein the carrier interface member is integrally molded with the door trim panel.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The door module kit of Claim 1 wherein the <u>non-structural</u> substrate carrier further comprises an integrally molded impact absorber.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The door module kit of Claim 1 wherein the <u>non-structural</u> substrate carrier further comprises an integrally molded pull cup support.

9.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a vehicle door having a non-structural carrier, a trim panel, and a structural frame, the method comprising:

receiving the <u>non-structural</u> carrier and the trim panel at the location for assembly of the vehicle door;

removing the trim panel from the non-structural carrier; coupling the <u>non-structural</u> carrier to the structural frame; and mounting the trim panel to the non-structural carrier.

- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of coupling the trim panel to an assembly line fixture when the <u>non-structural</u> carrier is coupled to the frame.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein the step of mounting the trim panel to the <u>non-structural</u> carrier comprises engaging a retainer member defined on the trim panel with a projection defined on the <u>non-structural</u> carrier.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11 wherein the projection extends from the trim panel and the retainer member is integrally molded with the <u>non-structural</u> carrier as a unitary article.

15. (Currently Amended) A door module kit for a vehicle door comprising:
a non-structural substrate carrier having a first interface member and an integrally molded impact absorber;

a door trim panel configured to be coupled to the <u>non-structural</u> substrate carrier and having a second interface member;

wherein the door trim panel is releasably coupled to the <u>non-structural substrate</u> carrier during transportation to the location of assembly of the vehicle door by releasable engagement of the first interface member and the second interface member.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The door module kit of Claim 15 wherein the first interface member comprises a retainer integrally molded with the <u>non-structural substrate</u> carrier and defines a space for at least partially receiving the substrate carrier interface member.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The door module kit of Claim 16 wherein the second interface member is a projection that extends from the door trim panel and engages space defined by the retainer.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The door module kit of Claim 15 wherein the first interface member and the second interface member [[are]] is integrally molded with the door trim panel.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The door module kit of Claim 15 wherein the integrally molded impact absorber comprises an upper integrally molded impact absorber and a lower integrally molded impact absorber.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The door module kit of Claim 19 wherein the upper impact absorber comprises a series of projections extending from the <u>non-structural substrate</u> carrier.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The door module kit of Claim 19 wherein the lower impact absorber comprises a plurality of walls.

- 22. (Currently Amended) The door module kit of Claim 15 wherein the <u>non-structural</u> substrate carrier further comprises an integrally molded pull cup support.
- 23. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a vehicle door having a non-structural carrier, a trim panel, and a structural frame, the method comprising:

receiving the <u>non-structural</u> carrier and the trim panel at the location for assembly of the vehicle door;

coupling the trim panel to an assembly line fixture;

coupling the non-structural carrier to the structural frame; and

removing the trim panel from the assembly line fixture and mounting the trim

panel to the non-structural carrier.

- 24. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23 wherein the <u>non-structural</u> carrier and trim panel are received at the location for assembly of the vehicle door releasably coupled together.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24 further comprising the step of removing the trim panel from the non-structural carrier before coupling the trim panel to the assembly line fixture.
- 26. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23 wherein the step of mounting the trim panel to the <u>non-structural</u> carrier comprises engaging a retainer member with a projection, wherein the projection extends from the trim panel and the retainer member is integrally molded with the <u>non-structural</u> carrier as a unitary article.